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State of Colorado  
Oil and Gas Conservation Commission

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401589362

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04/02/2018

Oil and Gas Location Assessment

☒ New Location ☐ Refile ☐ Amend Existing Location Location#: \_\_\_\_\_

This Oil and Gas Location Assessment is to be submitted to the COGCC for approval prior to any ground disturbance activity associated with oil and gas operations. Approval of this Oil and Gas Location Assessment will allow for the construction of the below specified Location; however, it does not supersede any land use rules applied by the local land use authority. Please see the COGCC website at <http://cogcc.state.co.us/> for all accompanying information pertinent this Oil and Gas Location Assessment.

Location ID:

**454938**

Expiration Date:

**05/06/2021**

☒ This location assessment is included as part of a permit application.

CONSULTATION

- ☐ This location is included in a Comprehensive Drilling Plan. CDP # \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ This location is in a sensitive wildlife habitat area.
- ☐ This location is in a wildlife restricted surface occupancy area.
- ☐ This location includes a Rule 306.d.(1)A.ii. variance request.

Operator

Operator Number: 10071

Name: HIGHPOINT OPERATING CORPORATION

Address: 1099 18TH ST STE 2300

City: DENVER State: CO Zip: 80202

Contact Information

Name: Rachel Milne

Phone: (303) 3128115

Fax: ( )

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RECLAMATION FINANCIAL ASSURANCE

☒ Plugging and Abandonment Bond Surety ID: 20040060 ☐ Gas Facility Surety ID: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Waste Management Surety ID: \_\_\_\_\_

LOCATION IDENTIFICATION

Name: Critter Creek Number: 14 SW

County: WELD

QuarterQuarter: SWSW Section: 14 Township: 11N Range: 63W Meridian: 6 Ground Elevation: 5218

Define a single point as a location reference for the facility location. When the location is to be used as a well site then the point shall be a well location.

Footage at surface: 382 feet FSL from North or South section line

700 feet FWL from East or West section line

Latitude: 40.916274 Longitude: -104.406721

PDOP Reading: 1.3 Date of Measurement: 12/22/2017

Instrument Operator's Name: Chad Meiers

## RELATED REMOTE LOCATIONS

(Enter as many Related Locations as necessary. Enter the Form 2A document # only if there is no established COGCC Location ID#)

This proposed Oil and Gas Location is:

LOCATION ID # FORM 2A DOC #

## FACILITIES

Indicate the number of each type of oil and gas facility planned on location

Wells	<u>5</u>	Oil Tanks*	<u>10</u>	Condensate Tanks*	<u>      </u>	Water Tanks*	<u>3</u>	Buried Produced Water Vaults*	<u>      </u>
Drilling Pits	<u>      </u>	Production Pits*	<u>      </u>	Special Purpose Pits	<u>      </u>	Multi-Well Pits*	<u>      </u>	Modular Large Volume Tanks	<u>      </u>
Pump Jacks	<u>5</u>	Separators*	<u>14</u>	Injection Pumps*	<u>      </u>	Cavity Pumps*	<u>      </u>	Gas Compressors*	<u>      </u>
Gas or Diesel Motors*	<u>      </u>	Electric Motors	<u>      </u>	Electric Generators*	<u>      </u>	Fuel Tanks*	<u>      </u>	LACT Unit*	<u>      </u>
Dehydrator Units*	<u>      </u>	Vapor Recovery Unit*	<u>      </u>	VOC Combustor*	<u>4</u>	Flare*	<u>      </u>	Pigging Station*	<u>      </u>

## OTHER FACILITIES\*

### Other Facility Type

### Number

1-3" Gas Line	<u>1</u>
1-3" Welded Water Line	<u>1</u>
1-3" Steel Oil Line	<u>1</u>
3" Steel Line	<u>1</u>

\*Those facilities indicated by an asterisk (\*) shall be used to determine the distance from the Production Facility to the nearest cultural feature on the Cultural Setbacks Tab.

Per Rule 303.b.(3)C, description of all oil, gas, and/or water pipelines:

See pipeline and flowline counts above. When possible temporary water pipelines will carry water from storage tanks or water sources to well completion sites. Pipes will be made of flexible and rigid materials (plastic, aluminum and steel) generally 8" to 12" in diameter. The length will be determined by the distance to the well site to be serviced for the fracing operation. This will greatly minimize the number of truck trips required for the well completion. This location will have up to 20-500 bbl frac tanks. Frac tanks located on this pad may service completion operations being conducted on an adjacent pad location. A sundry would be submitted in the event this situation occurs. Surface owner approval would be obtained where necessary. This location will also have up to 15-300 bbl temporary tanks for drilling operations

## CONSTRUCTION

Date planned to commence construction: 05/05/2018 Size of disturbed area during construction in acres: 4.82

Estimated date that interim reclamation will begin: 10/01/2018 Size of location after interim reclamation in acres: 1.04

Estimated post-construction ground elevation: 5218

## DRILLING PROGRAM

Will a closed loop system be used for drilling fluids: Yes

Is H<sub>2</sub>S anticipated? No

Will salt sections be encountered during drilling: No

Will salt based mud (>15,000 ppm Cl) be used? No

Will oil based drilling fluids be used? No

## DRILLING WASTE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Drilling Fluids Disposal: OFFSITE

Drilling Fluids Disposal Method: Land application

Cutting Disposal: OFFSITE

Cuttings Disposal Method: Beneficial reuse

Other Disposal Description:

Beneficial reuse or land application plan submitted? Yes

Reuse Facility ID: 454282 or Document Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Centralized E&P Waste Management Facility ID, if applicable: \_\_\_\_\_

## SURFACE & MINERALS & RIGHT TO CONSTRUCT

Name: Kenyon and Norman Ayars

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: 63546 WCR 67

Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

City: Grover State: CO Zip: 80729

Surface Owner: ☒ Fee ☐ State ☐ Federal ☐ Indian

Check all that apply. The Surface Owner: ☒ is the mineral owner

☒ is committed to an oil and Gas Lease

☒ has signed the Oil and Gas Lease

☐ is the applicant

The Mineral Owner beneath this Oil and Gas Location is: ☒ Fee ☐ State ☐ Federal ☐ Indian

The Minerals beneath this Oil and Gas Location will be developed from or produced to this Oil and Gas Location: Yes

The right to construct this Oil and Gas Location is granted by: oil and gas lease

Surface damage assurance if no agreement is in place: \_\_\_\_\_ Surface Surety ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Rule 306 surface owner consultation \_\_\_\_\_

## CURRENT AND FUTURE LAND USE

Current Land Use (Check all that apply):

Crop Land: ☐ Irrigated ☐ Dry land ☐ Improved Pasture ☐ Hay Meadow ☐ CRP

Non-Crop Land: ☒ Rangeland ☐ Timber ☐ Recreational ☐ Other (describe): \_\_\_\_\_

Subdivided: ☐ Industrial ☐ Commercial ☐ Residential

Future Land Use (Check all that apply):

Crop Land: ☐ Irrigated ☐ Dry land ☐ Improved Pasture ☐ Hay Meadow ☐ CRP

Non-Crop Land: ☒ Rangeland ☐ Timber ☐ Recreational ☐ Other (describe): \_\_\_\_\_

Subdivided: ☐ Industrial ☐ Commercial ☐ Residential

## CULTURAL DISTANCE INFORMATION

Provide the distance to the nearest cultural feature as measured from Wells or Production Facilities onsite.

	From WELL	From PRODUCTION FACILITY
Building:	5280 Feet	5280 Feet
Building Unit:	5280 Feet	5280 Feet
High Occupancy Building Unit:	5280 Feet	5280 Feet
Designated Outside Activity Area:	5280 Feet	5280 Feet
Public Road:	700 Feet	551 Feet
Above Ground Utility:	354 Feet	245 Feet
Railroad:	5280 Feet	5280 Feet
Property Line:	382 Feet	272 Feet

### INSTRUCTIONS:

- All measurements shall be provided from center of nearest Well or edge of nearest Production Facility to nearest of each cultural feature as described in Rule 303.b.(3)A.
- Enter 5280 for distance greater than 1 mile.
- Building - nearest building of any type. If nearest Building is a Building Unit, enter same distance for both.
- Building Unit, High Occupancy Building Unit, and Designated Outside Activity Area - as defined in 100-Series Rules.
- For measurement purposes only, Production Facilities should only include those items with an asterisk(\*) on the Facilities Tab.

## DESIGNATED SETBACK LOCATION INFORMATION

Check all that apply. This location is within a:

- ☐ Buffer Zone
- ☐ Exception Zone
- ☐ Urban Mitigation Area

Pre-application Notifications (required if location is within 1,000 feet of a building unit):

Date of Rule 305.a.(1) Urban Mitigation Area Notification to Local Government: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Rule 305.a.(2) Buffer Zone Notification to Building Unit Owners: \_\_\_\_\_

- Buffer Zone - as described in Rule 604.a.(2), within 1,000' of a Building Unit.
- Exception Zone - as described in Rule 604.a.(1), within 500' of a Building Unit.
- Urban Mitigation Area - as defined in 100-Series Rules.
- Large UMA Facility - as defined in 100-Series Rules.

## FOR MULTI-WELL PADS AND PRODUCTION FACILITIES WITHIN DESIGNATED SETBACK LOCATIONS ONLY:

- ☐ Check this box if this Oil and Gas Location has or will have Production Facilities that serve multiple wells (on or offsite) and the Production Facilities are proposed to be located less than 1,000 feet from a Building Unit. *(Pursuant to Rule 604.c.(2)E.i., the operator must evaluate alternative locations for the Production Facilities that are farther from the Building Unit, and determine whether those alternative locations were technically feasible and economically practicable for the same proposed development.)*
- ☐ By checking this box, I certify that no alternative placements for the Production Facilities, farther from the nearest Building Unit, were available based on the analysis conducted pursuant to Rule 604.c.(2)E.i.

In the space below, explain rationale for siting the multi-well Production Facility(ies) that supports your Rule 604.c.(2)E.i determination. Attach documentation that supports your determination to this Form 2A.

## SOIL

List all soil map units that occur within the proposed location. attach the National Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) report showing the "Map Unit Description" report listing the soil typical vertical profile. This data is to be used when segregating topsoil.

The required information can be obtained from the NRCS web site at <http://soildatamart.nrcs.usda.org/> or from the COGCC web site GIS Online map page found at <http://colorado.gov/cogcc>. Instructions are provided within the COGCC web site help section.

NRCS Map Unit Name: 29—Haverson loam, 0 to 3 percent slopes

NRCS Map Unit Name: 49-Paoli fine sandy loam, 0 to 6 percent slopes

NRCS Map Unit Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## PLANT COMMUNITY:

Complete this section only if any portion of the disturbed area of the location's current land use is on non-crop land.

Are noxious weeds present: Yes ☐ No ☒

Plant species from: ☒ NRCS or, ☐ field observation Date of observation: \_\_\_\_\_

List individual species: \_\_\_\_\_

### Check all plant communities that exist in the disturbed area.

- ☐ Disturbed Grassland (Cactus, Yucca, Cheatgrass, Rye)  
☒ Native Grassland (Bluestem, Grama, Wheatgrass, Buffalograss, Fescue, Oatgrass, Brome)  
☐ Shrub Land (Mahogany, Oak, Sage, Serviceberry, Chokecherry)  
☐ Plains Riparian (Cottonwood, Willow, Aspen, Maple, Poplar, Russian Olive, Tamarisk)  
☐ Mountain Riparian (Cottonwood, Willow, Blue Spruce)  
☐ Forest Land (Spruce, Fir, Ponderosa Pine, Lodgepole Pine, Juniper, Pinyon, Aspen)  
☐ Wetlands Aquatic (Bullrush, Sedge, Cattail, Arrowhead)  
☐ Alpine (above timberline)  
☐ Other (describe): \_\_\_\_\_

## WATER RESOURCES

Is this a sensitive area: ☒ No ☐ Yes

Distance to nearest

downgradient surface water feature: 3056 Feet

water well: 4168 Feet

Estimated depth to ground water at Oil and Gas Location 42 Feet

Basis for depth to groundwater and sensitive area determination:

COGCC GIS Online Tools; depth to ground water was determined by permit number 889-WCB.

Is the location in a riparian area: ☒ No ☐ Yes

Was an Army Corps of Engineers Section 404 permit filed ☒ No ☐ Yes If yes attach permit.

Is the location within a Rule 317B Surface Water Supply Area buffer \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
zone:

If the location is within a Rule 317B Surface Water Supply Area buffer have all public water supply systems within 15 miles been notified: \_\_\_\_\_

Is the Location within a Floodplain? ☒ No ☐ Yes Floodplain Data Sources Reviewed (check all that apply)

☒ Federal (FEMA)

☐ State

☒ County

☐ Local

☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

## GROUNDWATER BASELINE SAMPLING AND MONITORING AND WATER WELL SAMPLING

Water well sampling required per Rule 609 \_\_\_\_\_

## WILDLIFE

☐ This location is included in a Wildlife Mitigation Plan

☐ This location was subject to a pre-consultation meeting with CPW held on \_\_\_\_\_

## DESIGNATED SETBACK LOCATION EXCEPTIONS

Check all that apply:

- ☐ Rule 604.a.(1)A. Exception Zone (within 500' of a Building Unit) and is in an Urban Mitigation Area
- ☐ Rule 604.b.(1)A. Exception Location (existing or approved Oil & Gas Location now within a Designated Setback as a result of Rule 604.a.)
- ☐ Rule 604.b.(1)B. Exception Location (existing or approved Oil & Gas Location is within a Designated Setback due to Building Unit construction after Location approval)
- ☐ Rule 604.b.(2) Exception Location (SUA or site-specific development plan executed on or before August 1, 2013)
- ☐ Rule 604.b.(3) Exception Location (Building Units constructed after August 1, 2013 within setback per an SUA or site-specific development plan)

## RULE 502.b VARIANCE REQUEST

- ☐ Rule 502.b. Variance Request from COGCC Rule or Spacing Order Number \_\_\_\_\_

ALL exceptions and variances require attached Request Letter(s). Refer to applicable rule for additional required attachments (e.g. waivers, certifications, SUAs).

## OPERATOR COMMENTS AND SUBMITTAL

Comments

I hereby certify that the statements made in this form are, to the best of my knowledge, true, correct and complete.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 04/02/2018 Email: rmilne@hpres.com

Print Name: Rachel Milne Title: Regulatory Analyst

Based on the information provided herein, this Application for Permit-to-Drill complies with COGCC Rules and applicable orders and is hereby approved.

COGCC Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Director of COGCC Date: 5/7/2018

## Conditions Of Approval

All representations, stipulations and conditions of approval stated in this Form 2A for this location shall constitute representations, stipulations and conditions of approval for any and all subsequent operations on the location unless this Form 2A is modified by Sundry Notice, Form 4 or an Amended Form 2A.

### COA Type

### Description

	Operator shall submit updated Reference Area Pictures, to be taken during the 2018 growing season, via a Form 4 Sundry on or before November 1, 2018.
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## Best Management Practices

No	BMP/COA Type	Description
1	Storm Water/Erosion Control	<p><b>MATERIAL HANDLING, STORMWATER MANAGEMENT AND SPILL CONTROL</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Material handling and spill prevention procedures and practices will be followed to help prohibit discharges to surface waters.</li> <li>• Proper loading, and transportation procedures to be followed for all materials to and from locations.</li> <li>• Use drip pans, sumps, or liners where appropriate</li> <li>• Properly dispose of any wastes fluids and other materials at properly authorized offsite disposal or recycling facilities</li> <li>• Utilize berms and/or other forms of diversions around tanks, drums, chemicals, liquids, pits, impoundments, or well pads.</li> <li>• Limit the amount of land disturbed during construction of pad, access road, and facilities</li> <li>• Pad and access road to be designed to minimize erosion</li> <li>• Install appropriate erosion control devices where necessary to minimize and/or control erosion</li> <li>• Conduct routine inspections of sites and stormwater controls measures in accordance with the requirements of the CDPHE.</li> <li>• Complete repair, maintenance or installation of new stormwater control measures in accordance with the requirements of the CDPHE and as necessary to minimize and/or control erosion and transport of sediment off location.</li> <li>• Develop and implement a Spill Response, Control, and Countermeasure (SPCC) Plan in accordance with 40 CFR Part 112</li> <li>• Intall secondary containment around tanks, drums, and storage areas to prohibit discharges to surface waters in accordance with 40 CFR Part 112. Alternatively general secondary containment may be provided around the entire perimeter of the location when containment structures are not feasible in immediate vicinity of storage vessels.</li> </ul> <p><b>SELF INSPECTION, MAINTENANCE, AND HOUSEKEEPING</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All Bill Barrett Corporation employees are trained in spill response, good housekeeping, material management practices, and procedures for equipment and container washing annually</li> <li>• Conduct stormwater inspections per applicable stormwater regulations and Bill Barrett Corporation's Stormwater Management Plan (SWMP)</li> <li>• Conduct routine informal inspections of all tanks and storage facilities at least weekly</li> <li>• All containment areas are to be inspected weekly or following a heavy rain event.</li> <li>• Excessive precipitation accumulation within secondary containment that materially impacts storage capacity containment structure will be removed as appropriate and disposed of properly.</li> <li>• All structural berms, dikes, and containment will be inspected periodically to ensure they are functioning as designed.</li> </ul> <p><b>SPILL RESPONSE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spill response procedures as per the applicable SPCC Plan and/or Bill Barrett</li> </ul>
2	Emissions mitigation	<p>HighPoint will act in accordance with Rule 912 which prohibits unnecessary or excessive flaring from a well, first sign of salable quality gas will be piped to a sales line.</p>

3	Drilling/Completion Operations	<p>Drilling/Completion Operations</p> <p>BBC GENERAL PRACTICES (Drilling/Completion Operations)</p> <p>NOTIFICATIONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proper notifications required by COGCC regulations or policy memos will be adhered to.</li> </ul> <p>TRENCHES/PITS/TEMPORARY FRAC TANKS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unlined pits will not be constructed.</li> <li>• Drill cuttings will be put to beneficial reuse on location, hauled to an approved spread field for beneficial reuse, or hauled to a properly authorized 3rd party disposal facility. Disposal and beneficial reuse methods will comply with COGCC regulations, policy, and guidance.</li> <li>• Flowback and stimulation fluids from the wells being completed will be sent to tanks and/or filters to allow sand and sediment to settle out before the fluids are hauled to a state-approved disposal facility.</li> <li>• Temporary frac tanks installed on location will have proper secondary containment according to SPCC regulations such as either putting a perimeter berm around location or around the frac tanks.</li> </ul> <p>VEHICLE &amp; LOCATION PROCEDURES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vehicles entering location shall be cleaned to the extent necessary to prevent deposit of chemicals, oil, noxious weeds, trash, and debris on location.</li> <li>• Location to be treated to kill weeds and regraded when necessary to maintain proper drainage.</li> </ul>
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Total: 3 comment(s)

### **Attachment Check List**

<b><u>Att Doc Num</u></b>	<b><u>Name</u></b>
2478612	NRCS MAP UNIT DESC
2478613	CORRESPONDENCE
401589362	FORM 2A SUBMITTED
401589514	LOCATION PICTURES
401589515	MULTI-WELL PLAN
401589518	REFERENCE AREA PICTURES
401589520	REFERENCE AREA MAP
401589527	ACCESS ROAD MAP
401589532	LOCATION DRAWING
401589546	SURFACE AGRMT/SURETY
401589551	NRCS MAP UNIT DESC
401589606	WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN
401594169	MINERAL LEASE MAP
401594170	HYDROLOGY MAP

Total Attach: 14 Files



### General Comments

<u>User Group</u>	<u>Comment</u>	<u>Comment Date</u>
Permit	With operators concurrence change Right to construct to Oil & Gas lease and checked additional boxes. Added operator comment. Final Review Completed	05/06/2018
OGLA	IN PROCESS - Operator indicated oil-based drilling fluids will not be used, revised the distance to the nearest Public Road, provided an additional NRCS Soil Map Description attachment, revised the distance to the nearest water well, & provided an Emissions mitigation BMP.  OGLA review completed. Waiting on Public Comment period.	05/02/2018
OGLA	ON HOLD - Requested operator provide info on how oil-based drilling fluids and cuttings will be disposed of, revise the distance to the nearest Public Road, provide an additional NRCS Soil Map Description attachment, revise the distance to the nearest water well, & provide an Emissions mitigation BMP. Due by 5/26/18.	04/26/2018
Permit	Permitting Review Complete.	04/22/2018
LGD	This proposed oil and gas facility is in the Agricultural Zoned District of unincorporated Weld County. A Weld Oil and Gas Location Assessment, WOGLA18-0038 was approved on April 4, 2018. Copies of all related documentation are available from Weld County Government. A building permit is required for the production facilities (tank battery, separators, pump jacks, compressors, generators, etc.) from the Department of Planning Services. Access points from County roads require an Access Permit from the Department of Public Works, which includes any necessary traffic control plans and Improvement Agreements. The use of County right-of-way requires a permit from the Department of Public Works. Troy Swain, Weld Oil/Gas Liaison and LGD (970) 400-3579.	04/16/2018
Permit	Passed Completeness. Changed Date to commence construction and ground/well water sampling rule per Rachel Milne.	04/12/2018

Total: 6 comment(s)